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## TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR W. F. Parker

CLERK G. H. Burt

TREASURER L. M. Aldrich

SELECTMEN

E. B. Parker F. G. Sanborn C. K. Corliss

COLLECTOR F. H. Jesseman

SUPERVISORS

G. H. Burt F. H. Jesseman Fred Brooks

HEALTH OFFICER Dr. H. L. Johnson

BOARD OF EDUCATION

H. L. Johnsnon A. W. Bowles F. H. Jesseman

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

W. F. Parker H. L. Johnson Col. C. H. Greenleaf

HIGHWAY AGENT Joseph E. Delage

# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

- Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.
- Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriation of the same.
- Article 3. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Abbie Greenleaf library, and for the salary of the librarian.
- Article 4. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day, and to choose an agent to receive the same.
- Article 5. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of highways and bridges.
- Article 6. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for cement sidewalks, and designate where it shall be built.
- Article 7. To see how much money, if any, the Town will appropriate for oiling our roads with road oil.
- Article 8. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for lighting the streets the coming year.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to have a liquor agent.

Article 10. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to increasing the pay of the help in the highway department or any other service of the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase a snow roller or any other highway machinery.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate any funds for the purpose of community parks or playgrounds.

Article 13. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the care and maintenance of the cemeteries, or in regard to the sale of the lots.

Article 14. To hear the report of committees and agents and to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Article 15. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to building a new road from the Cole hill to connect with the State road.

# **INVENTORY OF APRIL, 1916**

Improved and unimproved land and		
buildings	\$ 593,758	00
146 horses	18,380	00
228 cows	13,204	00
27 neat stock	1,420	00
3 hogs	30	00
Automobiles and carriages	9,570	00
Portable mills	1,250	00
Wood and lumber	18,350	00
Bank stock	3,995	00
Money on hand and at interest	83,961	00
Stock in trade	12,125	00
Aqueducts	4,400	00
Mills	2,800	00
	\$763,243	00
VALUATION		
Non-resident valuation	\$ 146,022	00
Resident valuation	617,221	
Total valuation	\$763,243	00
TAX ASSESSED		
		00
Non-resident tax	\$ 2,482	38
Non-resident tax Resident tax (with 145 polls)	\$ 2,482 10,782	

Cash:

#### ASSETS In hands of town treasurer \$ 1,172 68 Accounts due town: Taxes not collected: (a) Levy of 1916 258 54 (b) Bounties on Bears 10 00 (c )Bounties on Hedgehogs 9 00 33 20

(a) Pauper bills Other bills due town:

Due from state:

Due from County:

(a) Demand note: Lisbon Light and Power Co. secured by mortgage 1,633 63

\$3,117 05 Total assets \$3,117 05 Grand total

#### LIABILITIES

Long term notes outstanding:		
D. K. Priest	\$ 800	00
M. J. Northey	600	00
F E. Whipple	. 400	00
Mary Smith	400	00
Trust funds, amount of principal used by	town:	
Cemetery funds	528	00
Total liabilities	\$2,728	00
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplu	s) 389	05

Grand total

\$3,117 05

# Schedule of Town Property

#### DESCRIPTION

2. Libraries, land and buildings	\$ 25,000	00
Furniture and equipment	1,000	00
3. Police department land and buildings	3	
5. Highway department, lands and buil	ld-	
ings, gravel pits	200	00
Total	\$26,250	00

#### UNIFORM

#### Town of Franconia

#### RECEIPTS AND

#### RECEIPTS

Current revenue:				
From local taxes:				
1. Property and poll taxes,				
current year \$	12,988	05		
3. Property and poll taxes,				
previous year	73	80		
7. Railroad tax	292	10		
8. Savings bank tax	1,378	30		
10. Liquor licenses	65	62		
13. Literary fund	70	38		
14. For education	250	00		
From local sources except taxes:				
17. Dog licenses	60	20		
18. All other licenses and pe	rmits,			
tent show and peddlers'				
licenses	22	00		
22. Income of departments,				
cemetery lots	85	00		
23. W. C. Goodwin, for grass	5	00		
24. Wild land, redeemed	227	04		
25. Town clerk, election fees	4	00		
26. Lisbon Light & Power Co.,	,			
interest	85	10		
27. Lisbon Light Co., part pa	y-			
ment on note	663	00		
28. W. J. Stanley, rent school	lot 3	00		
29. Henry Spooner, cemetery				
endowment	50	00		
30. Bank interest on Rideout				
fund	12	00		
-			\$16,334	59
Total Revenue current re	ceipts		\$16,334	59
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#### CLASSIFICATION

#### **PAYMENTS**

#### For year ending Feb. 15, 1917

#### PAYMENTS

Current	maintananaa	ownongog:
Current	maintenance	expenses.

#### General Government:

1.	Town	officers'	salaries	and		
	expen	ses	*	(	\$ 506	47

2. Election and registration expenses 43 00

4. Care and supplies for town hall  $50 \ 00$ 

#### Protection of persons and property:

5.	Police department	16	00
8.	Bounties	j.9	00
10.	Health department	4	66
11.	Vital statistics	18	15

#### Highways and bridges:

14.	Town	maintenance	3,360	81
15.	Street	lighting	699	75

16. General expenses of highway department 16 25

#### Education:

17.	Libraries	270	00

#### Charities:

18.	Town poor	297	81
19.	County poor	33	20

#### Patriotic purposes:

20.	Memorial Day	and other	
	celebrations		25 00

#### Recreation:

22.	Parks	and	playgrounds	4	00
Public	servic	P 91	ternrises.		

# Public service enterprises: 23 Water supply system

	11.	<i>-</i>	· ·		
25.	Cemeteries			340	48

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\$5,742 58

38 00

## RECEIPTS AND

Continued from page 8		
Total receipts from all sources	\$16,334	59
Cash on hand at beginning of year	575	14

# PAYMENTS (Continued)

Continued from page 9				
Interest:				
27. Paid on temporary loans in				
anticipation of taxes	\$ 46	54		
28. Paid on long term notes	128	00		
30. Paid on principal of trust fu	ınds			
used by town	23	00		
			\$197	54
Outlay for new construction and				
permanent improvements:				
33. Highways and bridges—To				
construction	1,163			
	941			
Total outlay payments			\$2,104	36
Indebtedness:				
39. Payments on long term	1 000			
	1,000			200
Total indebtedness payments			\$1,0	)00
Payments to other governmental				
divisions:	4 =0=	= ^		
	1,507			
43. Taxes paid to county	1,099			
45 Schools	4,085	48		
Total payments to other go	overn-		<b>e</b> e ena	57
mental divisions			\$6,692	
Total payments for all				
purposes			\$15,737	05
Cash on hand at end of year			1,172	68
Grand total			\$16,909	73

# **Detail Statement of Payments**

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

# Detail 1. Town Officers, Salaries and Expenses:

The Pinqueham Press, inventory				
notices	\$ 1	15		
W. F. Parker, stationery	1	05		
E. C. Eastman, printed supplies	10	04		
The Courier Press, notices	1	50		
The Courier Press, town report	38	50		
M. L. Parker, copying	4	00		
G. H. Burt, collecting dog fees	5	60		
E. B. Parker, selectmen expense				
account	45	63		
G. H. Burt, auditor	2	50		
G. H. Burt, town clerk	16	50		
L. W. Nute, collector	70	00		
F. H. Jesseman, collector	45	00		
L. M. Aldrich, treasurer	30	00		
C. K. Corliss, selectman	46	50		
E. B. Parker, selectman	138	00		
F. G. Sanborn, selectman	51	00		
Total			\$506	47

#### Detail 2. Election and Registration Expenses:

F. E. Whipple, ballot clerk \$	2	00
C. A. Peabody, ballot clerk, two meet-		
ings	3	00
W. F. Parker, moderator, two meet-		
ings	4	00
F. L. Byron, account booths	1	00

Asa Gurnsey, account booths F. H. Jesseman, supervisor		00		
G. H. Burt, supervisor		00		
Total –			\$43 00	
Detail 4. Rent Town Hall and Se	electn	nen's	Rooms.	
F. G. Sanborn, rent	50	00		
Total –			\$50 00	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS A	ND F	ROF	ERTY	
Detail 5. Police Department:				
A. E. Strain, tracing burglars	\$ 11	00		
E. B. Parker	5	00		
Total –			\$16 00	
Detail 8. Bounties:				
James Connery, bounty on bear	5	00		
C. T. Farr, bounty on bear		00		
Selectmen, cash advanced for				
Hedgehogs	9	00	<b>A10</b> 00	
Total –			\$19 00	
HEALTH				
Detail 10. Health Department:				
Dr. H. L. Johnson, health				
officer	\$ 4	66		
Total		,	\$4 66	
Detail 11. Vital Statistics:				
Dr. H. L. Johnson, returning on				
births and deaths	5	<b>5</b> 0		
G. H. Burt, copying marriages				
births and deaths	_	15		
G. H. Burt, recording on births an deaths		50		
Total –			\$18 15	
20000				

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Detail 14. Town Maintenance:				
D. M. Person, gravel	2	85		
Good Road Machine Co., repairs	10	25		
T. A. Stevens, material sign				
boards	5	00		
F. L. Byron, account sign boards	s 14	55		
W. F. Parker & Son, account sign				
boards	3	07		
W. B. Chase, breaking notch road	1 14	00		
A. T. Young, running snow roller	12	00		
F. P. Whitney, lumber	87	62		
C. A. Young, lumber	224	12		
Standard Oil Co., road oil	308	00		
Joseph Delage, Town road agent	2,679	35		
Total			\$3,360	81
Detail 15. Street Lighting:				
Merrill's Insurance Agency,				
account light plant	\$ 36	75		
Lisbon Light and Power Co., Stre	et			
lights	663	00		
Total			<b>\$</b> 699	75
Detail 16. General Expenses, High	ghway	Dep	oartmen	t:
Emma Cheney, damage account				
fall		00		
L. M. Aldrich, straps	1	25		
Total			\$16	25
EDUCATION				
Detail 17. Libraries:				
Town appropriation	\$ 145	00		
Librarian's salary	125	00		
Total			\$270	00

#### CHARITIES

Detail 18. Town Poor:	
C. H. Corey, drawing wood for	
W. K. Carpenter family \$ 6	00
Joseph Delage, drawing wood for	
W. K. Carpenter family 7	50
D. P. Witherbee, wood for W. K. Car-	
penter family 15	00
W. F. Parker & Son, supplies for W.	
K. Carpenter family, one	
year 269	
Total ———	\$297 81
Detail 19. County Poor:	
F. G. Sanborn, account tramps 5	00
W. F. Parker, account tramps 6	20
F L. Byron, account tramps 1	00
H. D. Corey, account John Hill 5	00
C. H. Corey, account John Hill 10	00
F. H. Jesseman, digging grave of	
	00
Total ——	\$33 20
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	
Detail 20. Memorial Day:	
Caleb Huntoon, Town appropriation	\$25 00
Calco Huntoon, Town appropriation	Ψ20 00
RECREATION	
Detail 22. Parks and Sports:	
A. R. Bowles, distributing trout fry	\$ 4 00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRI	SES
Detail 23. Water Troughs:	
H. S. Bowles \$ 3	00
Caleb Huntoon 3	00
	0.0

2 00

Alfred Hannett

Frank Young	. 5	00		
Franconia Water Co.		00		
Total			\$38	00
Detail 25. Cemeteries:				
ELMWOOD AND WILLOW	CEME	TE	RIES	
Mrs. W. D. Rudd, plants	\$ 1	50		
Franconia Water Co.	5	00		
G. R. Jesseman, ashes	- 2	00		
W. F. Parker & Son, mowers, pho	os-			
phate ,etc.	48	18		
F. H. Jesseman, labor	15	00		
W. M. Taylor, labor	9	50		
Edward Parker, Jr., labor	4	30		
Clifford Peabody, labor	81	00		
Pearl Bowles, labor	134	00		
A. Grimes, building over Rideout 1	lot 40	00		
Total			\$340	48
		-		
Total current maintenance exper	nses	-	\$5,742	 58
	nses	-	\$5,742	58
INTEREST		_	\$5,742	58
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INTEREST  Detail 27. Interest on Temporar	y Loar \$46	54	\$5,742	58
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#### Detail 33. Permanent Improvements: HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES Elmore Whipple, cement culverts \$109 16 Elmore Whipple, Weisman cement bridge 350 00 N. E. Metal Culvert Co., steel culverts 223 20 F. P. Whitney, land damage 20 00 Joseph Delage, Town agent, new road 460 75 SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION Elmore Whipple, contract, new work 941 25 Total permanent improvement -\$2,104 36 Detail 39. Indebtedness: PAYMENTS ON DEBT F. E. Whipple \$200 00 Finetta Northey 400 00 D. K. Priest 400 00 Total indebtedness payments — \$1,000 00 PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS Detail 42. Taxes paid to State: \$1,507 50 Taxes paid to County 1,099 59 Detail 43. Detail 45. Payments to School District: School treasurer, Town appropriation 3,707 50 School treasurer, balance dog 54 60 money 3 00 School treasurer, school lot tax 70 38 School treasurer, literary fund School treasurer, State fund 250 00 Total payments to other govern-

\$6,692 57

\$15,737 05

ment divisions

Total payments for all purposes

#### ABATEMENTS AND OVERTAXES

John Grey, 1915, taxed in Lincoln	\$ 5	45		
A. Fenoff, 1915 abatement	2	00		
Fred Gonyer, 1915 abatement	2	00		
George Hebet, 1915 abatemetnt	2	00		
H. W. Pickford, 1916 overtax	21	08		
George Sawyer, 1916, over 70	2	00		
D. K. Priest, 1916, over 70	2	00		
F. L. Byron, 1916 abatement	2	00		
W. K. Carpenter, 1916 abatement	2	00		
Merton Streeter, 1916 abatement	2	00		
Total			\$42	53

# CEMETERY LOTS PAID FOR AS PER No. 22 IN LIST OF RECEIPTS

Henry Hughes	\$ 5 00	
George Bean	10 00	
P. E. Goodwin	10 00	
E. E. Bowles	10 00	
Harold Bowles	10 00	
Edward J. McKenzie	10 00	
George Wells	10 00	
Warren Dexter	10 00	
Mrs. Alvin Grimes	10 00	
Total	W-044-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1	\$85 00

#### DUE FOR LOTS IN CEMETERY

Frank Drown	10	00
William Clement	10	00
J. E. Herbert	10	00
Alfred Hannett	10	00
Lewis Caderette	10	00
Mrs. Harney	10	00
A. L. Nelson	10	00
David Dexter	10	00.
F L. Byron	10	00

Charles Glover Total 10 00

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 00

The foregoing accounts respectfully submitted,

E. B. PARKER, F. G. SANBORN, C. K. CORLISS.

Selectmen.

Franconia, N. H., February 26, 1917.

I hearby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen of Franconia for the year ending February 15, 1917, and find them correct and all disbursements properly vouched. I have verified each item of assets and find eleven-hundred seventy-two dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$1,172.68) in the hands of L. M. Aldrich, the town treasurer.

GEORGE H. BURT, Auditor.

# ROAD AGENTS' REPORT

#### JOSEPH DELAGE, ROAD AGENT

Total receipts

\$ 2,679 35

#### DISBURSEMENTS

C. T. Farr, labor	\$ 4 50
William Later, labor	4 00
F. H. Pearl, labor	2 00
C. A. Peabody, labor	1 00
George Miller, labor	4 00
C. H. Gould, labor	1 00
N. O. Cogswell, labor	7 48
L. Caderette, labor	4 00
Earl Edmonds, labor	6 25
George Wells, labor	2 00
W. B. Hawkshaw, labor	10 00
Waldo Taylor, labor	15 50
W. H. Streeter, labor	13 50
David Streeter, labor	11 00
Alfred Hannett, labor	<b>35</b> 00
W. R. Eaton, labor	<b>3</b> 6 00
Edward D. Chase, labor	12 00
Ruby Cherity, labor	70 50
Elvie Aldrich, labor	22 50
Murdock Peabody, labor	18 00
D. K. Bowles, labor	$22 \ 00$
Nelson Golden, labor	21 00
E. C. Nelson, labor	11 16
George Delage, labor	27 50
Warren Miller, labor	52 50

F. P. Whitney, labor	12	00		
Bowles & McKenzie, labor	62	00		
H. E. Spooner, labor	82	75		
Ralph Goodwin, labor	102	00		
John Arnold, labor	104	50		
Frank Lewis, labor	88	00		
Charles Harriman, labor	85	00		
C. K. Corliss, labor	112	00		
J. P. Sherburn, labor	135	74		
F. W. Young, labor	143	00		
Leander Charity, labor	154	00		
Albert Delage, labor	203	<b>5</b> 0		
A. R. Bowles, labor	241	25		
D. M. Person, gravel	11	00		
W. E. Herbert, gravel	15	87		
A. E. Streeter, supplies and mater	rial 3	60		
W. F. Parker & Son, supplies and				,
material	38	15		
G. H. Clark, material, etc.	25	45		
C. H. Corey & Co., material, etc.	4	05		
J. H. Callahan, breaking roads	31	40		
Joseph Delage, self and teams	609	70		
Total disbursements			\$2,679	35
			, -,	

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ROAD

#### JOSEPH DELAGE, AGENT

Total receipts \$ 460 65

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Walter Eaton	\$	6	00
George Delage		2	00
Leander Charity		6	00
Ralph Goodwin	]	12	00
Albert Delage	6	20	25

Ruby Charity	10 00	
A. R. Bowles	18 50	
Charles Harriman	17 50	
Frank Lewis	18 00	
John Arnold	26 00	
Elvie Aldrich	23 50	
D. K. Bowles	27 50	
Carl Edmonds	25 50	
J. P. Sherburn	28 00	
Bowles and McKenzie	24 00	
C. K. Corliss	39 00	
F. P. Whitney	51 00	
F. W. Young	51 00	
Joseph Delage	55 00	
Total disbursements		\$460 75

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Franconia on February 15, 1917.

Expended During	\$3.50 1.00 6.00 3.50 1.75 7.00 .25
Income During Year	\$3.50 6.00 6.00 3.50 7.00 7.25
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	8:4
Rate of Interest	44.8 4.8 4.8 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4
Amount of Principal	\$100.00 28.00 300.00 100.00 50.00 50.00 50.00
State character and rate of return for each investment. State also if funds were "borrowed or used for city or town purposes," and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 162, Laws 1915.	Town note, interest at 3½ percent. Town note, interest at 3½ percent. Deposited in Littleton Savings Bank Town note, interest at 3½ percent.
TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION All trust funds should be reported separately, giving name of Fund and donor	M. A. Dow, cemetery fund W. B. Moody, cemetery fund J. B. Rideout, cemetery fund leremiah Gilman, cemetery fund S. C. York, cemetery fund H. W. Priest, cemetery fund Henry Spooner, cemetery fund
Date of Creation	1892 1893 1901 1907 1911 1913 1916

#### TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board of Franconia:

I herewith submit to you my first annual report as superintendent of your schools.

#### ATTENDANCE

The following summary was taken from the annual report sent to the Department of Public Instruction for the year ending July 15, 1916:

Total number of pupils registered for year	102
Average daily attendance	83.18
Average daily absence	7.45
Per cent of attendance	91.78
Number of tardinesses	246
Visits by citizens	222
Average salary of grade teachers per month	53.00
Roll of honor, no absent or tardy marks, Sarah	Car-
penter, Josephine Pierce, Mildred Noyes.	

One of the weaknesses of the schools has been the great amount of unnecessary absences and tardinesses.

This can be remedied by the cooperation of parents, children and teachers. Parents can render a splendid service to the schools and at the same time assist in the formation of right habits if they will insist that their children attend school regularly and punctually unless detained at home by illness or death.

A glance at the above summary shows that there was an average of nearly three tardinesses for each

child of average attendance during last year. The attendance has been much better this year although there have been several instances where parents have kept their children at home for trivial reasons.

#### SCHOOL WORK

I have found the work of your schools to be much the same as that done in towns similar to Franconia in other parts of the state.

Of course weak spots appear from time to time, and these we try to remedy as rapidly as possible. One of the greatest weaknesses that I have found is the lack of responsibility, independence and initiative on the part of the pupils.

There are many individual weaknesses due in a large measure to physical defects. Among the ninety-three children examined last term there were found two cases of cardiac disease, three of defective hearing, four of anaemia, six defects in breathing, fourteen of defective vision, thirty-nine of hypertrophied tonsils, thirty-seven of adenoids, fifty-five of defective teeth.

Nearly all of these defects can and should be remedied. If the parents could realize the results that any one of these defects may have upon the child, not only in his school work but also in his whole life, it is probable that the physical welfare of the children would be given more attention.

Many of the children have very little physical exercise during the winter months. A gymnasium would be a splendid addition to the equipment of the school. If the Advent church could be acquired, alterations might be made so that it would be useful for indoor games, gymnastic exercises and Boy Scout activities, as well as furnishing ample accommodations for the work in manual art training and forging.

Manual training and sewing and cooking should be taken up in the four upper grades. At no period in a child's development is he so well suited for these lines of work, both mentally and physically, as at the age of from ten to fourteen years. Systematic instruction in music should be given in all the schools. These changes can be brought about with very little additional expense if care is taken in selecting teachers who can teach these branches.

#### SUGGESTIONS

To the citizens who are really interested in the welfare of the above boys and girls I would make the following suggestions:

Visit the schools and see for yourself what is being done.

Support the teachers and remember that there are two sides to the story that your boy and girl brings home from school.

Encourage the boys and girls to be regular in their attendance at school.

Encourage the boys and girls to get a good education. They will be the men and women of tomorrow and the prosperity of the town depends upon their successes or failures.

Attend the meetings of the Parent-Teachers' association regularly. This should be one of the most useful organizations of the community.

Furnish a place for proper physical exercise and games, under supervision, for the boys and girls.

Be sure that you know where your boy and girl are outside of school hours. Be sure to keep their confidence.

The support and cooperation of the teachers and the school board have been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

February 26, 1917.

JOHN S. GILMAN.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand February 15,				
1916	\$ 909	99		
Cash of Frank Pearl, rent	3	75		
Cash of Frank Lewis, rent	12	00		
Cash of L. B. Howard, rent	60	00		
Cash of Earl A. Brooks, rent	63	76		
Cash of A. T. Young, tuition	14	00		
Cash of Lisbon town district	80	00		
Cash of F. G. Sanborn, for wall				
board	10	67		
Cash of town, dog money	54	60		
Cash of town, rent of school lo	t 3	00		
Cash of town, literary fund	70	38		
Cash of town, state fund	250	00		
Cash of town, appropriation	3,707	50		
Total receipts			\$5,239	65

#### DISBURSEMENTS

L. B. Howard, supplies	\$	917	00
F. P. Whitney, supplies		8,30	00
L. D. Nihan, supplies		8	10
W. F. Parker & Son, supplies		35	24
Parker & Young, supplies		68	90
C. H. Dudley, supplies		51	80
George Lurvey, supplies		5	46
Silas Taylor, supplies		9	39
Edson & Kinne, supplies		5	75
C. M. Bowles, supplies		5	10
J. B. Varick Co., supplies		20	10
Maude Blount, supplies		1	50
Lottie Harriman, supplies		1	55
Hub Wire Cloth Co., supplies		18	67
Total	-		

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C. W. Chapman, books, etc.	7	78			
Cable & Co., books, etc.	3	50			
B. C. Patterson, books, etc.	7	58			
D. C. Heath & Co., books, etc.	13	52			
E. E. Babb & Co., books, etc.	81	69			
Milton Bradley & Co., books, etc.	61	46			
L. E. Knott Co., books etc.		56			
Ginn & Co., books, etc.	2	65			
Stebbins & Co., books etc.	1				
J. L. Hammett Co., books, etc.	3	44			
W. M. Silsby, books, etc.		70			
220 22, 20020, 2000			\$186	05	
			7.200		
F. L. Byron, postoffice building	\$ 16	25			
W. M. Cushing, postoffice building	,	25			
Elmore Whipple, postoffice building		07			
Littleton Hardware Co., postoffice	_				
building		82			
F. G. Sanborn, postoffice building	31	36			
F. H. Jesseman	7				
C. E. Bowles, postoffice building	107	72			
or in the man, peacetimes that and			\$231	32	
			,		
Littleton Municipal Court, account	t				
Hannett boy			\$ 32	59	
Dr. H. L. Johnson, medical inspe	ction		40	00	
L. M. Aldrich, services auditor	\$ 2	00			
Dr. H. L. Johnson, school board	14	80			
F. H. Jesseman, school board	10	00			
A. R. Bowles, school board	10	00			
E. B. Parker, treasurer	15	00			
			\$51	80	
John S. Gilman, services superint		t	\$ 322		
Dow Academy, one half janitor se	rvice		193		
Dow Academy, one half fuel bill			175	25	
J. H. Callahan, transportation		00			
D. M. Person, transportation	35	00			

<ul><li>E. C. Nelson, transportation</li><li>E. O. Mosses, transportation</li><li>C. H. Corey &amp; Co., transportation</li><li>A. R. Bowles, transportation</li><li>G. E. Lurvey,</li></ul>	44		605	00
Mrs. B. Patterson, teaching	\$ 50	00		
Miss Maude Blount, teaching	120	00		
Miss Marion Seavey, teaching	125	00		
Miss Jennie Keenan, teaching	234	00		
Miss Vera M. Converse, teaching	180	00		
Miss Nellie M. Cummings, teaching	250	00		
Miss Florence M. Durgin, teaching	477	00		
B. C. Patterson, supervising	156	00		
W. J. Nelson, teaching	400	00		
C. W. Chapman, teaching	450	00		
			2,442	00
Cash on hand February 15, 1917			710	04
			5,239	65

#### Respectfully submitted,

#### E. B. PARKER,

Treasurer School District.

I hearby certify that I have examined the accounts of E. B. Parker, treasurer of the School District, for the year ending February 15, 1917, that I have found each item of expenditure properly vouched and that I have found seven hundred ten dollars and four cents (710.04) in the hands of said treasurer.

L. M. ALDRICH, Auditor.

# LIBRARY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1917.

## Librarian's Report

Number of books in library, Fel Added during the year:	bruary 15, 1916	3 4,818
Town purchase	118	
By gift	26	
		4,962
Books withdrawn		7
Total number in library Februar	ry 15,	
1917	4,955	
Number loaned during the year	:	
Fiction	3,610	
Non fiction	656	
		4,266
Balance in librarian's hands Feb	oru-	
ary 15, 1916.	\$ 6 50	
Receipts during the year	25 16	
		31 66
Expenditures		28 42
Balance on hand February 15,	1917	3 24

Respectfully submitted, EVA M. ALDRICH, Librarian.

## Financial Report of the Trustees

#### RECEIPTS

20222				
Balance on hand February 15,				
1916 \$ 16	1	91		
Money appropriated by the town 14	5	00		
Given by Colonel C. H. Greenleaf 10	0	00		
			406	91
DISBURSEMENTS				
Good Housekeeping, magazine	1	50		
Asahel Gurnsey, for labor	7	50		
W. C. Goodwin, for labor 4	17	51		
Electric lights for one year 1	1	27		
Water tax for one year 1	0	00		
Bowles & McKenzie, for wood 6	33	50		
W. F. Parker & Son, sundry bill 1	9	78		
S. F. Claflin, for magazines 2	22	10		
	20	50		
	5	75		
Doubleday Page & Co., books	4	50		
	00	70		
Balance cash on hand February				
		30		
20, 202,			\$406	91
			ΨΙΟΟ	U.J.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. JOHNSON,
W. F. PARKER,
CHARLES H. GREENLEAF,
Library trustees.

# Village Improvement Society

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1917

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand February 26, 1916 \$	70	70
Refund from F. E. Whipple on lectu	$\mathbf{re}$	
course	17	25
Receipts from minstrel show	42	95
Cash of H. W. Priest	25	00
Cash of Mrs. Julia McGuire	10	00
Cash of August show	9	95
Cash of November musicale	23	00
Cash of benefit entertainment by		
Mr. Robert Frost at Peckett's	,	
December 29th	36	50
Cash of membership fees and dues	10	75

\$245 47

#### DISBURSEMENTS

March 8. for Warwick Quartette,			
last number of lecture			
course	\$	45	00
Expenses of minstrel show		4	80
June 10. For one half cost of tennis	S		
net		1	82
August 5. Murdock Peabody for the	ree	е	
days work on tennis court		6	00
August 28. W. C. Goodwin, for fixing	ng		
seats, cutting bushes, etc.		4	00

September 1. M. J. Northey, for collect-		
ing garbage from February 9. 27 00		
December 20. Waldo Taylor, for		
collecting seats and garbage 3 50		
December 29. To Courier Printing		
Co., for posters, etc. 5 75		
February 8. M. J. Northey, for col-		
lecting garbage from September		
to November 6. 10 00		
Total disbursements ———	\$107	87
Cash in Littleton National Bank	137	60
	\$245	47

Respectfully submitted,
MINNIE E. PARKER, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and \$137.60 in the hands of the treasurer.

E. B. PARKER, Auditor.

Births Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Birthplace of Mother	North Haverhill Island Pond, Vr. East Surry, Me. Marshfield, Mass. GEO. H. BURT, Town Clerk.	
Birthplace of Father	ranconia uburn, Me Isbon	
Occupation of Father	Farmer Teamster Photographer knowledge and bel	0
Residence of Parents	Franconia P	
Color of Parents	est White	
Maiden Name of Mother	F Z 1 Slaas L. Taylor Elsie L. Bailey E 2 Protographer Elsie L. Bailey Correct. A coording to the best of my knowledge and belief.	0
Name of Father	H. Elmore Spoorer James A. Waterhouse Silas L. Taylor Olcott N. Aldrich	
Color	93idW Z	O THE CO
No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc.	64 8 L	Crrs.
Female or Colling or C		100
Female 2	F-1 6	
Male   S	E3 2	117
Name of Child (if any)	Harold F. Ernestine M. Priscilla J.	
Place of Birth	Franconia I	
Date of Birth	Apr. 1 June 2 2 Sept. 2	

Marriages Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married	George A. Gordon Clergyman	Boston, Mass.	D. W. Hall Clergyman	Sugar Hall	A. M. Shattuck Clergyman	Lisbon	D. W. Hall Clergyman	Sugar Hill	Martin S. Howes Clergyman	Franconia
Occupation	Farmer Housekeeper	Metal dealer Housekeeper		Farmer Housekeeper	Farmer Housekeeper		Laborer Housekeeper	Farmer Housekeeper	Farmer Housekeeper	Faru er Housekeeper
Birthplace of Parents	Newbury, Vt.	Waltham, Ms.	Loudon	Canada	Haverhill Lyman	Canada	Marshfield, Vt. Laborer Littleton Houseke	Canada	Northfield, Ms. Farmer Houseke	Franconia
Names of Parents	Newbury, Vt. Sidney Johnson Mary E. Ford	Ms. John Coppinger Margaret T. Devine	George A. Lock Dess Woods	Joseph E. Delage Exila M. Fortier	William B. Clark Myra Waters	Lelah Lafoe Sarah Green	Pliney E. Goodwin Flora Cadarette	Joseph E. Delage Exila M. Fortier	Benj. D. Callender Eva I. stebbins	Wilbur E. Wells Mary H. Young
Place of Birth of each	Newbury, Vt.	Needham, Ms.	Webster	Franconia	Lisbon	Bethlehem	Lisbon	Franconia	Northfield, Ms.	
of of Groom and Age in years  Age in Golor of Groom and Bride	Physician		25 = Laborer	Housekeeper	Farmer	Housewife	Laborer	At home	Farmer	Housekeeper Franconia
Age in years Color of each	44	S aid	25	21	09	11	20	17	21	12
Residence each at time	Franconia	Needham, Mass.	Franconia	,	Landaff	Franconia	:		Bethlehem	Franconia
Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	8 Boston, Mass. Hiram L. Johnson	Sarah E. Coppinger	Frank H. Lock	Winfred M. Delage	Ira P. Clark	Luda Aldrich	Ralph W. Goodwin	G. Ruth Delage	Robert S. Callender	Ada May Wells
Marriage of Marriage	8 Boston, Mass.		Mar. 14 Sugar Hill		May 10 Lisbon		16 Littleton		Sept. 12 Franconia	
Date of	Feb.		Mar		May				Sept	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEO. H. BURT, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916

Name and Address of the Owner, where the Party of the Owner, where the Owner, which is the Owner, where the Owner, which is the Owner, where the Owner, where the Owner, where the Owner, which is the Owner, wh		Cause of Death		Lesle D. Priest Pliny E. Goodwin Pliny E. Goodwin Pavid Doxter Salomon Wallace Clizabeth Goodr'h Pulmoy tuberculosis Charles B. Young Veronica Wells John Mears Louduad Danforth Internal carcinors Rolland C. Towle Alvin Grimes Mary Brooks Valvular hemorrhage Taging Brooks Walls Wall Nute  Internal hemorrhage Internal hemorrhage
	Maiden Name	fo	Mother	Leslie D. Priest David Dexer Baydo Dexer Baydo Dexer Baydo Dexer Baydo Dexer Baydo Dexer Charles B. Young Baydo B. Young Charles B. Young Baydo B. Wonica Wells Baydo B. Wonica
	Name	Jo	Father	Leshe D. Priest Pliny E. Goodwin Bayd Dexter Salomon Wallace Charles B. Young Ezra G. Hunt t't Herbert Delano John Mears Rolland C. Towle Alvin Grimes Paul Nute
The second secon	Birthplace	Jo	Mother	Me
	Birthplace	Jo	Father	Franconia Marshfield, Vt Littleton Sandwich, Me. Berwick, Franconia Lisbon Scowe, Vt. Canada Canada Orleans, Vt. Franconi
		Occupation		Home Farmer Farmer Home Home Housekeeper Farmer Fainter
Management of the Party of the	Sex, Condi'n		Color Single Marrie Widow	White
	Sex	9	Male	A 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
-	Place	Jo	Birth	Boston, Mass. M Newbury, Vt
-	ge	- s	Month	9 14 10 10 10 11 20 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
	e Age		Years	25 8 5 1 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
	Name and Surname	of the	Deceased	Leslie D. Priest Mildred E. Goodwir Bavid Dexter Mrs. Mary Wells George P. Young Abbie Orlina Nuice Reba D. Bowles Mabel E. Glover Ezra John Towle Alvin Grimes Lewis W. Nute
-	Date	of I 10	Death Place	Keb. 29 ** Mar. 15 ** Mar. 15 ** Mar. 15 ** Mar. 15 ** May. 22 †* May. 22 †* May. 22 †* Mov. 7 † †* Dec. 4 †* Dec. 12 †* 21 ** May. 24 †* May. 24 †* May. 24 †* May. 24 †* May. 25 †* May. 26 †* May. 27 ** May.
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\*Boston, Mass. †Franconia ‡Vass. N. C. §Littleton

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEO. H. BURT, Town Clerk.



